

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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NON-AVAILABILITY OF FOOD ITEMS AT OLD DELHI RAILWAY STATION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware of the non-availability of tea, milk, puri and other food items at Old Delhi railway station due to indefinite strike called by the vendors;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons for strike called by the vendors; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d) : No, Sir. Uninterrupted catering services were ensured through the catering units other than those operated by Commission Vendors. Commission Vendors at Delhi Junction were on strike from 10.11.2007 to 21.11.2007 in protest against the order to stop cooking at platform of Delhi Junction Railway Station and the improvements initiated by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation of India (IRCTC) to provide high quality catering services through the concept of pre-cooked food items dispensed through bain-maries, microwave ovens etc.